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SUBJECT: POSSIBLY INAPPROPRIATE HANDLING OF WORLD BANK TENDER

REF: FREETOWN 894 AND PREVIOUS

1. DURING MAY 8 CALL ON PRESIDENT STEVENS
AMBASSADOR RAISED ISSUE OF TENDER FOR GENERATOR
INFORMING HIM THAT WE HAD ASKED USG TO RAISE ISSUE
OF POSSIBLY IRREGULAR PROCEDURES AND UNFAIR SPECI-
FICATIONS WITH IBRD. PRESIDENT RESPONDED THAT HE
PLEASSED TO LEARN OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AND CONFIRMED
THAT HE HAD BEEN UNHAPPY WITH WAY IN WHICH TENDER
FOR GENERATOR HAD BEEN HANDLED AND INDEED WITH OVERALL
MANAGEMENT OF SIERRA LEONE ELECTRICITY CORPORATION
WHICH IN SPITE OF GREATLY INCREASED RATES STILL
REQUIRED GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY AND WHICH SEEMED INCAPABLE
OF PROVIDING DEPENDABLE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY FOR
FREETOWN. PRESIDENT SAID RAISING ISSUE IN WASHINGTON
WOULD STRENGTHEN HIS HAND IN PUSHING FOR REVISED
SPECIFICATIONS AND TENDER PROCEDURES.

2. IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT'S COMMENT, EMBASSY REQUESTS
DEPARTMENT INTENSIFY EFFORTS ALONG LINES REQUESTED
REFTEL AND REPORT DEVELOPMENTS ASAP.
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